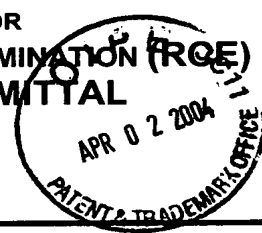


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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Application No.	09/621,553
	Filing Date	July 21, 2000
	First Named Inventor	OKAMOTO
	Group Art Unit	2623
	Examiner Name	R. Hesseltine
	Attorney Docket No	400782



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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

<p>1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</p> <p>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449</p> <p>v. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of References listed in Form PTO-1449 (except for U.S. patents and applications)</p> <p>vi. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>		<p align="center">RECEIVED</p> <p align="center">APR 07 2004</p> <p align="center">Technology Center 2600</p>
<p>2. Miscellaneous</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>		
<p>3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$770.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)</p> <p>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)</p> <p>iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for an extension of time for the period noted above, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.</p> <p>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(ii))</p> <p>v. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p align="right">Total amount to be charged to Deposit Account</p>		<p>\$770.00</p> <p>\$110.00</p> <p>\$880.00</p>
<p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216</p>		

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